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Genetics and Genomics Applied to Aquatic Animal Science

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Message from the Guest Editors

Aquatic animals play critical roles in global food supply and have become one of the primary sources for human diets. Genetic improvement of economic traits via molecular selective breeding has become increasingly important to help meet the rising food demand driven by human population growth. In particular, the genetics and genomics of aquatic animals provide huge opportunities for genetic gains in breeding programmes.

With the continuous advances in sequencing techniques and bioinformatics, genetics and genomics have been widely used in breeding studies of aquatic animals in recent years. Additionally, with the aid of RNA-seq and whole genome sequencing or resequencing methods, we could accurately evaluate the genetic regulation patterns and genetic backgrounds of aquatic resources.

In this Special Issue, we welcome papers in the field of the genetics and genomics of aquatic animals, including the identification of candidate functional genes or QTLs related to important traits and genetic resource evaluation with genome-wide markers. Manuscripts focusing on the application of high-throughput sequencing approaches and biotechnological innovations will be appreciated.













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